

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A paperboard carton for articles arranged in an end-on-end relationship in at least two layers, the carton having a top panel, a base panel, and a pair of oppositely disposed side panels, an end panel combination ~~being~~ provided at each end of the carton to close ~~the~~ each end of the carton, and a divider pad ~~being~~ provided between the adjacent end-on-end layers of articles and being secured relative to a first end panel combination of the end panel combination-combinations at one-a first end, one-a first side panel of the pair of side panels having a removable portion adjacent said ~~one~~ first end so as to define a roll-out aperture for article removal when the carton is lying on said ~~one~~ first end panel combination.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A carton as claimed in-~~ The carton of claim 1 wherein the divider pad is secured relative to a second end panel combination of the other end panel combination-combinations.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A carton as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2-~~ The carton of claim 1 wherein ~~each~~ the first and second end panel combination-comprises combinations comprise a pair of oppositely disposed side end flaps hingedly connected to the side panels and a pair of oppositely disposed main end flaps hingedly connected to the top and base panels respectively.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A carton as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3~~ The carton of claim 1 wherein the divider pad has a fold down gluing panel at ~~the or~~ each secured end.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A carton as claimed in~~ The carton of claim 4 wherein the top end flap is folded down last and is adhesively secured to ~~all its associated the~~ respective end flaps of its associated the respective end panel combination and to its associated the respective fold down gluing panel.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~A carton as claimed in~~ The carton of claim 5 wherein a single straight glue line ~~effects said adhesive attachment of~~ adhesively attaches the top end flap to the other end flaps and gluing panel.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A carton as claimed in~~ The carton of claim 6 wherein the base end flap has a central projecting area ~~such that and~~ the straight glue line is provided ~~in turn on one of the side end flaps, the gluing panel, the central area of the base end flaps, the gluing panel and or~~ the other side end flap.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A carton as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 7~~ The carton of claim 1 wherein said removable portion extends into the top and base panels to aid removal of the articles and also said removable portion is defined by perforations or other lines of weakening.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A carton as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 8~~ The carton of claim 1 wherein the top panel, base panel, two side and two end panel combinations are substantially rectangular.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~A carton as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 9~~ The carton of claim 1 wherein ~~one or more cuts extend at least one cut extends~~ partway to the ~~adjacent end from adjacent~~ the removable portion.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~A carton as claimed in~~ The carton of claim 10 wherein two ~~of said~~ cuts extend along the folds between ~~the said one~~ said side panel and the top and base panels respectively.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~A carton as claimed in~~ The carton of claim 10 ~~or claim 11~~ wherein a transverse cut is provided at ~~the end of the~~ or a terminus of each said at least one cut remote from the removable portion.

13. (New) A blank capable of being formed into a paperboard carton for articles arranged in an end-on-end relationship in at least two layers, the blank having a top panel, a base panel, and a pair of oppositely disposed side panels, an end panel combination provided at each end of the carton to close each end of the carton, and a divider pad provided between the adjacent end-on-end layers of articles and being secured relative to a first end panel combination of the end panel combinations at a first end, a first side panel of the pair of side panels having a removable portion adjacent said first end so as to define a roll-out aperture for article removal when the carton is lying on said first end panel combination.

14. (New) The blank of claim 13 wherein the divider pad is secured relative to a second end panel combination of the end panel combinations.

15. (New) The blank of claim 13 wherein the first and second end panel combinations comprise a pair of oppositely disposed side end flaps hingedly connected to the side panels and a pair of oppositely disposed main end flaps hingedly connected to the top and base panels respectively.

16. (New) The blank of claim 13 wherein the divider pad has a fold down gluing panel at each secured end.

17. (New) The blank of claim 13 wherein said removable portion extends into the top and base panels to aid removal of the articles and also said removable portion is defined by perforations or other lines of weakening.

18. (New) The blank of claim 13 wherein the top panel, base panel, two side and two end panel combinations are substantially rectangular.

19. (New) The blank of claim 13 wherein at least one cut extends partway to the end adjacent the removable portion.

20. (New) The blank of claim 19 wherein two cuts extend along the folds between one said side panel and the top and base panels respectively.

21. (New) The blank of claim 19 wherein a transverse cut is provided at a terminus of each said at least one cut remote from the removable portion.